

WHEN HE IS NOTHING

*"FOR IF ANY MAN THINK HIMSELF TO BE SOMETHING,
WHEN HE IS NOTHING, HE DECEIVETH HIMSELF" (GALATIANS 6:3)*

If we can learn that we are NOTHING, then we have learned something. But if we think we are something, then we have learned nothing. Scripture says so. Scripture says if we think ourselves to be something when (we) are nothing we are deceived. In other words, we are not special, unique, invaluable nor irreplaceable (in spite of what our mothers may think.)

Each of us is just one sinful human being among billions of others just like us. We are born sinful, rebellious, ignorant and totally dependent upon the grace and mercy of God to teach us, change us, and give us any value or worth in this life. Apart from God's revealing, teaching grace we know nothing. Apart from God's constraining grace we can do nothing.

Apart from God's keeping grace we will amount to nothing.

Matthew Henry once said, "Since God made everything out of nothing, if He is going to use us, we are going to have to be nothing." God made everything from nothing, that way He gets all the glory. There were no natural materials to work with, no means to use which could share in His creative glory. He simply spoke everything into existence. So it is in salvation. God finds nothing in the sinner to work with; no faith, no knowledge, no mind or heart to seek Him, so He simply must speak (by His Word) our salvation into existence. He must simply (yet powerfully) command us to hear, see, repent, come, LIVE! God gets all the glory!

There was nothing to work with and no one helped Him in the work of our salvation. If any think they made a decision, to let God into their heart, made Jesus Lord, accepted Him as Savior, that person DECEIVETH HIMSELF. One more time, For by GRACE ARE YE SAVED through faith; and that NOT OF YOURSELVES: IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD (EPH. 2:8)

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FREE GRACE

*"FOR BY GRACE ARE YE SAVED THROUGH FAITH; AND THAT NOT OF
YOURSELVES: IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD" (EPHESIANS 2:8)*

Free grace no more makes a person want to sin than health makes a person want to get sick again. The notion of sovereign grace giving people a license to sin is the foolish excuse of Pharisees who are not willing to give up their own righteousness.

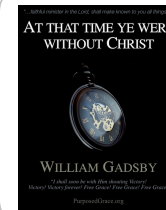
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behold, your GOD will come
with vengeance, even GOD
with a recompence; HE will
come and save you."

(ISAIAH 35:4)



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HEBREWS 10:39 — BELIEVE TO THE SAVING OF THE SOUL**

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“FEAR NOT, FOR I AM WITH THEE”

*“SAY TO THEM THAT ARE OF A FEARFUL HEART, BE STRONG, FEAR NOT:
BEHOLD, YOUR GOD WILL COME WITH VENGEANCE, EVEN GOD WITH A
RECOMPENCE; HE WILL COME AND SAVE YOU” [ISAIAH 35:4; 41:10]*

Ye tempted, sin-burden'd, self-hopeless, and poor,
Who're crying and knocking at Jesus, the Door,
Now hoping, then doubting, then knocking again,
May God keep you knocking; you shan't knock in vain

“Fear not,” said the Master, who very well knew
The troubles and dangers which we must pass through;
“Fear not, I am with thee, thy God to the end.”

O may we, my brethren, on Jesus depend!

“Fear not, I am with thee.” — Then foes are at hand;
Ah! yes, for the Canaanites dwell in the land;
And, sorely perplexed, we oftentimes say,
“We must be deceived; this can't be the way.”

The world and the devil us stoutly oppose,
And, lurking within us, lie thousands of foes;
Within and without us all seem to agree,
And born of the Spirit we think we can't be.

Our inbred corruptions, in battle array,
Rise up and oppose us; we're filled with dismay.
But, led by the Spirit, to Jesus we cry.

“Fear not,” JESUS answers, “Fear not, I am nigh!”

“Fear not, although all things against thee appear;
Fear not, though the devil may fill thee with fear;
Fear not,” saith Jehovah, “I'll bring thee through all;
Fear not, I am with thee, thy all and in all.”

These “Fear nots” encourage us weaklings to fight:
We fear not the devil with JESUS in sight;
But when He hides from us the light of His face,
We're plagued with the devil and Ishmael's race.

One word of Jehovah's, spoke home to the heart,
Makes sins, hell, and devils, like lightning depart.
Look back, then, my brother [my sister]; God help to see
The time when Jehovah appear'd thus for thee.

It may be thou art tempted thy God to deny;
The devil may tell thee the Bible's a lie;
But God will deliver when faith has been tried:
“Fear not,” saith the SAVIOUR, “since for you I died;

“Fear not, though the devil his fiery darts send;
Fear not, I am with thee, thy Shield, to defend;
Fear not, although weakness itself thou mayest be;
Fear not, I am with thee, thy Strength is in Me;

“Fear not, though thou feel thyself sinful and poor;
Fear not, I have loved thee, it soon will be over;
Fear not, though defiled within and without;
Fear not,” saith the Bridegroom, “thou art holy throughout.”

“Fear not, then, ye mourners, who still, in the night,
Are longing, and panting, and crying for light:
Fear not, though benighted, you soon shall get home,
Through much tribulation, where sin cannot come.

“Fear not, ye perplexed, who're looking to Me;
Fear not, ye oppressed, I will set you free;
Fear not, ye despised, ye are my delight;
Fear not, though in darkness, it soon shall be light;

“Fear not when departing from this world of woe;
Fear not, for my presence shall home with you go,
Where, freed from all sorrow, eternally blest,
For ever done fighting, in peace you shall rest.”

A HELPLESS SINNER